

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application.  
The amendment to claims 3 has been made only for removing  
multiple-multiple dependency expressions of the claims.

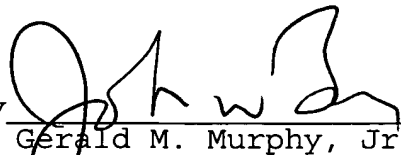
Thus, in the instant amendments, no new matter has been  
introduced.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An  
early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly  
solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this,  
concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any  
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees  
required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension  
of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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